

# Compulsion

By Martina Boone

## Welcome Activity

Eight says, "Treasure hunting is practically a Southern pastime," so have a Treasure Hunt to kick off your book club gathering. Just like Barrie would find lost items, your book club guests could enjoy finding "lost" items. As guests arrive, give them clues to hidden "treasures" similar to found items in the book: keys, hair clips, cell phones, sketchbook, letters, etc. or hide prizes that they can keep.

## Discussion Questions

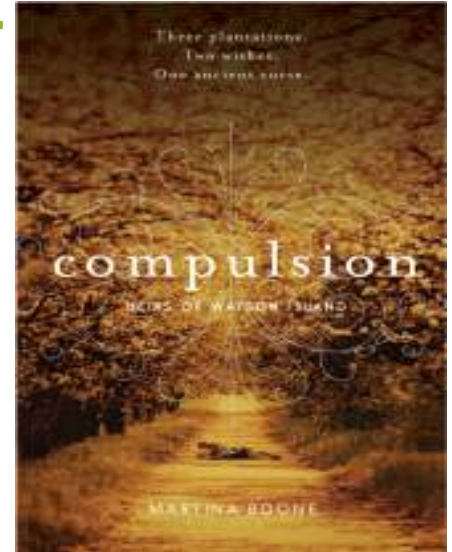
- ♦ In this story, the main character lives in a old mansion on a plantation. Have you ever been to a place like that before?
- ♦ Barrie had an unusual upbringing and relationship with her mother. What does Barrie learn about her mother through her experiences that change her view about her?
- ♦ Would you want a gift like Barrie or Eight had? What would it be and why?
- ♦ Do you believe in "curses" or do people determine by their actions what happens to them? Was the Colesworth family the only family with a "curse"? Why or why not?
- ♦ What did Barrie do differently from Lula or Pru to change the course of direction for herself?
- ♦ Eight was attracted to Barrie because she was 'interesting, unpredictable and a little big magic.' Do you think this is true of most romantic relationships? Why or why not?
- ♦ What character did you relate to most? Why?
- ♦ Have you ever had a supernatural experience before?
- ♦ Do you think supernatural experiences can happen? In what form(s)?
- ♦ Pru says that love is made of "memory and hope and heartache that weave themselves into the very core of who you are." How was this true for Barrie? Is it true in your life?



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## Praise for *Compulsion*

"Darkly romantic and steeped in Southern Gothic charm, you'll be compelled to get lost in the Heirs of Watson Island series." — #1 New York Times Bestselling Author Jennifer L. Armentrout.

"A fresh twist on the Southern Gothic — haunting, atmospheric, and absorbing." -- Claudia Gray, New York Times bestselling author of *A Thousand Pieces of You* and the *Evernight* and *Spellcaster* series.

"*Compulsion* is a stunningly magical debut with a delicious slow burn to be savored. I want to live in this story world!" — Wendy Higgins, USA Today and NYT bestselling author of the *Sweet Evil Trilogy* from HarperTeen.

"Beautifully written, with vivid characters, a generations-old feud, and romance that leaps off the page, this Southern ghost story left me lingering over every word, and yet wanting to race to the compelling finish. Martina Boone's *Compulsion* is not to be missed." — Megan Shepherd, Author of *The Madman's Daughter*.

# Share Family History

All of us have family stories from either our ancestors or present day families. You could ask your guests to come prepared, if they wish, with an interesting story to share about their family.

Genealogy is a popular hobby that your guests may have an interest in pursuing. To get them started, provide your guests with a blank pedigree chart so they can fill it in with their family names. (Go to <http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/forms.html> for a blank pedigree chart.)

## Southern Sweet Tea

Serve your guests sweet tea and cookies just like in the Watson Landing tearoom. Here's a recipe for southern sweet tea. Just add your favorite cookies to compliment the beverage. (Recipe adapted from food.com.)



### Ingredients:

6 regular tea bags  
1/8 tsp. baking soda  
2 cups boiling water  
1 1/2—2 cups sugar  
6 cups cold water  
Fresh fruit (if desired)

### Directions:

1. In a large glass measuring cup, place the tea bags and the baking soda.
2. Pour the boiling water over the tea bags.
3. Cover and steep for 15 minutes.
4. Take out the tea bags and do not squeeze them.
5. Pour the tea mixture into a 2 quart pitcher and add the sugar.
6. Stir until the sugar is dissolved.
7. Add in the cold water.
8. Let cool. Chill in the refrigerator and serve over ice. Add cut up fresh fruit, if desired.

## About the Author

Martina Boone was born in what is now the Czech Republic and moved to the United States when she was seven. The books she read when she was a teen have stayed with her all of her life and remained her sweet-spot. Now she creates new worlds and writes about teen characters who change their worlds.

Martina is passionate about school safety and literacy, and loves to ski, ride dressage horses, travel, and read beautiful, slightly-twisted fiction. She eats Nutella on pretty much anything, adores marzipan, has guilty cravings for stale sugar-free licorice, and drinks chocolate-flavored tea with milk. Martina and her husband live in Virginia with two kids, a shelter cat, Auggie the Wonder Dog, and a backyard visited frequently by a variety of wild animals.

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## Did you know?

Charles Towne Landing, which became Charleston, has a truly fascinating history, including an incident with Blackbeard and his pirates blockading the harbor and the shipwreck of the privateer vessel Loyal Jamaica, whose manifest contains several names, including Pinckney and Fenwick, that came to be associated with the founding plantations in the area. The history of Fenwick Hall and that of Thomas Pinckney and his family became Martina Boone's inspiration for much of the fictional history of Watson Island and the Beaufort, Colesworth, and Watson families in Compulsion.